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1. Ana Pauker's demotion has increased the anxiety of the anti-Ulbricht groups in the East German SED. Ulbricht's fortunes are fluctuating with the ups and downs of the Soviet offensive for German unification. His enemies were looking forward to a change and hoped that Ulbricht, on instructions of the Kremlin, would be forced to take an oppositionist into his Secretariat. This, however, has not materialized, and Ulbricht's position in Moscow seems to have been strengthened. 50X1-HUM
2. Rudolph Slansky and Ana Pauker belonged to the so-called "anti-Fascist" wing of the European Communist Parties, who rose to power when the Red Army entered Central Europe and the Balkans. In their anti-German attitude, there is certainly an element of [] resentment and a dislike of the favors which the Kremlin may now grant to the German neo-Nazis. Slansky, for a long time one of the favored Muscovite agents in Europe, had been in contact with Paul Merker, a member of the SED Politburo expelled in September 1950 []. The Merkerites are now one group in opposition to Ulbricht. Gerhart Eisler, in strained relations with Merker, is forming another group. But there are numerous other oppositionist circles, e.g., around Otto Buchwald, President of the Saxon Diet, around Karl Mewis, Secretary of the Mecklenburg Party, etc. The coming men, Wilhelm Zaisser and Vincenz Mueller, have declared to the "anti-Fascists", who also are anti-Ulbricht, that they will favor a milder policy against the "anti-Fascists" inside the SED when the East German Army is formed. 50X1-HUM
3. Recent Moscow instructions, however, are apt to prevent rapprochement between the Zaisser-Mueller group and the anti-Ulbricht groups. They encourage Ulbricht to eliminate unreliable elements from the Party, and "anti-Fascists" are now regarded by them as unfit for officers' assignments. New demotions and arrests, even of high-ranking SED members who oppose Ulbricht, may occur in the near future, should Ulbricht continue to enjoy Moscow's favors.

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